

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 106 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Kansas and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

**NORTH GILA COMPLEX**, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Fork and Johnson fires, is 13 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber and grass. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Ground fire with occasional individual tree torching was observed.

**BLACK RANGE COMPLEX**, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Bull and Continental fires, is 35 miles east of Glenwood, NM in timber and grass. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Creeping and backing with occasional torching and spotting were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	6,531	N/A	N/A	136	5	1	0	0	237K	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	5,022	N/A	N/A	42	1	3	0	0	110K	FS
TUWEEP - WFU	AZ	GCP	1,870	N/A	N/A	12	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS

GCP = Grand Canyon National Park

**ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

**SHEENJEK RIVER**, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 23 miles north of Ft. Yukon, AK in birch, aspen, black and white spruce. Cabins and outbuildings remain threatened. Use of aerial resources and natural boundaries are enabling containment efforts. Fire behavior continues to be extreme with reported running, crowning, and spotting.

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SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	15,552	10	UNK	167	7	0	3	0	110K	FWS

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

3 ISLAND, Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is six miles southwest of Glens Ferry, ID in sagebrush. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
3 ISLAND	ID	TFD	400	75	UNK	80	0	15	0	0	NR	BLM

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Northwestern Arizona for strong winds and low humidity.

**Fire Weather Watches:** North-central Arizona for strong winds and low humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** Gusty winds and low humidity will continue over portions of the Great Basin and Arizona due to a strong low off the coast and a high pressure ridge over the Rockies. High pressure will also continue over Alaska with hot temperatures and some thunderstorm activity.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b>  Mostly sunny and warmer. Breezy to locally windy northern AZ and northwest NM. Scattered wet thunderstorms parts of west TX.	Mountains: 65 to 85. Lower elevations: 85 to 103.	AZ and western NM: 6 to 20% Central NM: 10 to 15% Eastern NM and west TX: 10 to 25%	SW 15 to 25 mph w/ gusts to 30 mph northern and northwestern AZ. SW 15 to 20 mph and gusty remainder of AZ and most of western NM. SW 10 to 20 mph rest of region, except S to SE western TX into far northeastern NM.
<b>Alaska</b> Interior: Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	70s and low 80s.	20 to 35%.	East to southeast up to 15 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b>  Isolated afternoon thunderstorms over western Wyoming.	Eastern plains: 90's. Higher elevations: 60s and 70's. Elsewhere: 80's.	South and west Colorado and central Wyoming: 8 to 16%.	Northwest 15 to 25 mph across western portions of the RMA including northern South Dakota.
<b>Southern California</b>  Morning low clouds and fog to the coastal mountain slopes, scattered showers North Central California, otherwise, partly cloudy.	Mountains 60 to 75. Valleys 70 to 82. Upper deserts 80 to 90. Lower deserts 90 to 100.	25 to 40%.	Southwest to west 15 to 25 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONES DIFFICULT**

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

- Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel? Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.
- Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?
- Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked? Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.
- Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.
- To reduce the risks:
  - Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		5	5	1	7		18
	ACRES		13,226	8,525	178	179		22,108
Northwest	FIRES	2				2		4
	ACRES	1				0		1
Northern California	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					3	0	3
Southern California	FIRES					19		19
	ACRES					11		11
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	0					2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4		1	5	1	11
	ACRES		4,010		0	360	2	4,372
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		91					91
Southwest	FIRES	1				8	4	13
	ACRES	1				9	3	13
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		7		1	3	5	16
	ACRES		3		0	4	2	9
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					1	1	2
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					10		10
TOTAL	FIRES	4	20	5	3	61	13	106
	ACRES	2	17,330	8,525	178	577	10	26,622

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	24	22	4	191	10	253
	ACRES	3	27,441	19,596	507	20,330	320	68,197
Northwest	FIRES	36	24	6	4	108	83	261
	ACRES	145	12	9	4	176	48	394
Northern California	FIRES			1		338	69	408
	ACRES			0		1,967	38	2,005
Southern California	FIRES	7	26	3	7	609	114	766
	ACRES	9	1,074	15	3	9,289	37	10,427
Northern Rockies	FIRES	258	3	15		108	39	423
	ACRES	4,562	136	673		1,267	1,300	7,938
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	52		9	67	21	152
	ACRES	811	19,822		1	1,967	3	22,604
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	55	2	7	10	5	80
	ACRES	0	10,276	70	12	21,015	1	31,374
Southwest	FIRES	613	61	8	11	605	307	1,605
	ACRES	7,306	12,448	9,037	33	36,448	19,377	84,649
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	121	41	17	6	113	70	368
	ACRES	2,679	80	157	9	14,865	1,628	19,418
Eastern Area	FIRES	496		30	33	7,026	401	7,986
	ACRES	7,052		1,693	940	54,315	7,589	71,589
Southern Area	FIRES	159		76	9	13,962	397	14,603
	ACRES	25,807		16,769	149	148,906	10,469	202,100
TOTAL	FIRES	1,696	286	180	90	23,137	1,516	26,905
	ACRES	48,374	71,289	48,019	1,658	310,545	40,810	520,695

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>38,127</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>912,517</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		25				7	32
Northern California	FIRES				0		4	4
	ACRES				565		141	706
Southern California	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				60		267	327
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						75	75
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						165	165
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		2				0	2
	ACRES		4,700				450	5,150
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					3,126	1,126	4,252
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	0	5	10	18
	ACRES	0	4,725	0	625	3,126	2,231	10,707

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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	91	33	2		188	332
	ACRES	5,651	12,267	2,054	249		17,640	37,861
Northern California	FIRES	12	17	132	23		158	342
	ACRES	188	732	24,549	2,217		17,338	45,024
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	4	9		69	88
	ACRES	1,000	623	8	1,991		5,040	8,662
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	28	90	3	31	230	385
	ACRES	135	3,244	18,457	22	2,131	22,065	46,054
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	4	1	10	37	69
	ACRES	1	6,944	711	11	128	7,596	15,391
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	10			2	17
	ACRES		106	2,711			2,775	5,592
Southwest	FIRES	8	29	2	8		223	270
	ACRES	3,062	31,298	3,210	13,711		64,016	115,297
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	38	99	14	16	100	296
	ACRES	3,709	10,029	20,099	10,312	2,501	28,629	75,279
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		422	34	1,022	132	1,646
	ACRES	17,502		65,213	4,422	66,867	25,442	179,446
Southern Area	FIRES	34		142	36	380	1,030	1,622
	ACRES	7,180		78,410	22,544	246,818	845,050	1,200,002
TOTAL	FIRES	142	229	938	130	1,463	2,169	5,071
	ACRES	38,428	65,243	215,422	55,479	319,071	1,035,591	1,729,234

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				2			2
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1	1	8	10
	ACRES				1,870	5	10,936	12,811
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		1		1	5
	ACRES		0		1		0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	3	1	11	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,873	5	10,936	12,814

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	1	428	26,710
Yukon Territory	3	51	27	94
Alberta	2	0	840	57,992
Northwest Territory	0	939	44	7,131
Saskatchewan	1	0	112	29,622
Manitoba	4	234	75	1,292
Ontario	0	1	303	1,747
Quebec	0	0	436	591,064
Newfoundland	0	0	76	2,514
New Brunswick	0	0	196	203
Nova Scotia	0	0	193	488
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	36	14,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>733,766</b>

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	7	1			3				12	
Northwest	1									
Northern California			11							
Southern California	2	2	12		1				17	
Northern Rockies			1		1					
Eastern Great Basin			29	2	1					
Western Great Basin	1	4	3	4		1				
Southwest	7		4						58	1
Rocky Mountain			4		1				2	
Eastern Area			1						9	
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1</b>

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